

Primary Functions and Responsibilities

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture assists the citizens of Wyoming to live safe and healthy lives, promote and preserve our agricultural community, be responsible stewards of our natural resources, and achieve integrity in the marketplace.

The WDA is comprised of six sections: Administrative Services, Analytical Services (Chemistry & Microbiology Laboratories), Consumer Health Services, Natural Resources, Technical Services, and Wyoming State Fair.

Results of Outcomes

Consumer Health Services employees found 7,524 critically positive controls during their inspections of retail establishments. In addition, inspectors found 369 major deficiencies in meat plants and 1,506 critical violations at retail establishments. All deficiencies and violations were corrected and employees were trained to preclude reoccurrence. Technical Services employees found during their inspections that 95 percent of Wyoming pesticide applicators and agribusinesses were in full compliance with pesticide laws and regulations. Ninety-Seven percent of all samples received by Analytical Services are completed within thirty days of receipt.

Two million acres are being managed by Coordinated Resource Management groups and administered by the Natural Resources Section. Four management strategies were developed and implemented in coordination with the agriculture organizations to address current natural resource issues.

Technical Services employees have the responsibility to assure the public that consumer products are safe and truthfully marked. As a result of their inspections, 70 percent of products inspected were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards. Of the nursery stock, feed, fertilizer, and seed establishments, 75 percent were found to be in compliance with state and federal standards, while 80 percent of all weights and measures inspections were in full compliance. All grain inspected warehouses were found to be in full compliance.

At the Wyoming State Fair, the number of commercial exhibits increased 25 percent, and 2,500 youth and open livestock.